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TOPIC Briesen Airfield

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1. On 21 April 1951, about 1,500 laborers worked in three shifts at Briesen airfield. The section of the runway slated for extension and the intended two aprons, one east and the other west of the runway, were cleared of trees. The timber resulting from the clearing was used for new construction at the field.
2. On 21 April, the spur track was laid as far as the point where forest sub-areas (Jagen) No 78 and 79 meet. It could not be seen whether the spur track was to be extended farther to the east. The building in Jagen 59, previously reported under construction, was completed as a skeleton structure. Construction of another building of the same size was started south of it. Concreting of the runway has not begun. A small strip of the runway in Jagen 78 was excavated to a depth of about 50-cm. A ditch, about 60 meters long, the width of the runway, was being dug across the runway.
3. The German manager at the field said that, according to the construction plan which he had seen in the construction office, the runway was to be 60 x 2,800 meters with a 25-cm bottom layer of stamped gravel and a 15-cm top layer of concrete. He also said that the southern edge of the highway was to be removed and that a large taxiway was to be built as far as Jagen 69 and 70. Concrete revetments for aircraft were to be constructed along the taxiway.
4. It was learned on 22 April that a meeting held in the Luebben Land-Registry Office on 26 April 1951 was attended by Captain Gosnishev (phonetic spelling) (fnu); forest officer Illigmann, (fnu), of the Klein-Wasserburg state-owned forest; Luebben, (fnu), chief of the Land Registry Office, the Bürgermeister of Briesen, the deputy construction manager of Briesen airfield and the district forester of the airfield area. It was believed that the captain came from "order on the Havel River. During the meeting a copy was drawn of the airfield plan with the projected course of the runway. According to this plan, Jagen 53, 61 and 62 did not belong to the area of the field as was previously reported. *

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Comment. Improvement on the airfield has been confirmed by different sources. Another source reported that the runway was to be about 60 x 2,000 meters. Work is to be completed by the fall of 1951. For location of airfield and projected runway, see Annex.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

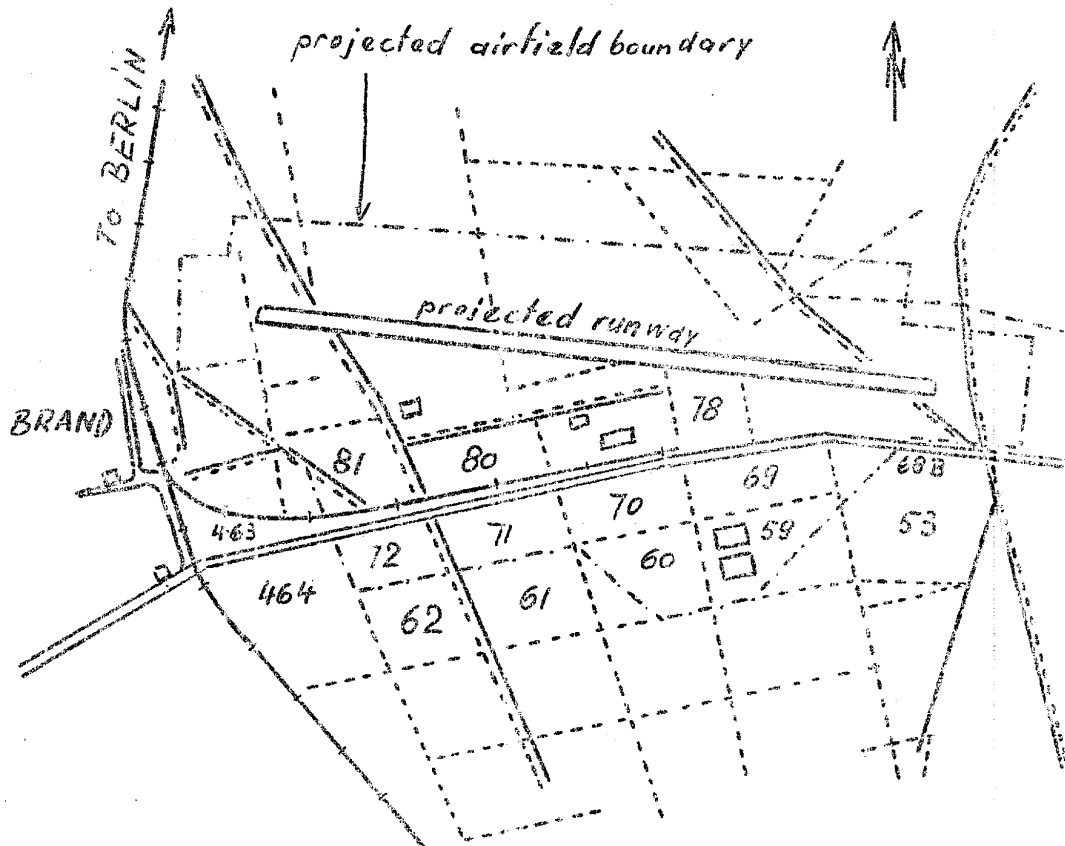
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The figures indicate the numbers of the forest sub-areas (Jagen).

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